

Joy To The World

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
DECEMBER 24 AT 3:30 AND 5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SONG SERVICE
DECEMBER 25 AT 9 AM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DECEMBER 13 AT 5PM

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



ZION KIDS OF THE KINGDOM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



SAT. DECEMBER 13 AT 5PM

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with an unforgettable Christmas program that leads kids on an exciting journey to the heart of the season—with Jesus as their True North!

2,133 DIAPERS DONATED!

Thanks to your generosity, ZION donated 2,133 diapers to the **Snuggled with a Hug Diaper Bank**, providing comfort and support to families in need. Because programs like WIC and SNAP don't cover diapers, your gifts truly matter — offering dignity, hope, and relief to parents struggling to make ends meet. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ as we share His love with our community.

Snowflake SNACK CAKES



Celebrate the beauty of winter with these fun snowflake-inspired treats!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares or sugar cookies
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Pretzel sticks (snowflake arms)
- Shredded coconut or white sprinkles
- Mini marshmallows or candy pearls

What you do:

1. Frost each cracker or cookie.
2. Arrange pretzel sticks in a crisscross for the snowflake base.
3. Sprinkle with coconut or sprinkles for snow.
4. Add marshmallows or candy pearls to the ends for detail.

Lesson tie-in:
Remind kids that God made each of us unique—just like no two snowflakes are alike! (Psalm 139:14, KJV)

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WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE



FRI., DEC. 12 Poinsettia Order Deadline (Noon)

SAT., DEC. 13 Advent 3
Kids' Christmas Program | 5 PM

SUN., DEC. 14
Live Recording – Doug Wegner
Worship Service | 8 AM
Choir Rehearsal & Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM
Worship Service | 10:30 AM
Youth Committee Meeting | 11:30 AM

MON., DEC. 15
Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Staff Meeting | 10 AM
Women's Evening Bible Study | 3:30 PM
Girl Scout Troop 4723 | 4:30 PM

TUES., DEC. 16
Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Men's Breakfast | 8 AM
Council Meeting | 6 PM

WED., DEC. 17
Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 5 PM
MS/HS Youth Group Christmas Party | 6:30 PM

THURS., DEC. 18
Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
MomCo/KidCo | 10 AM
Girl Scout Troop 4717 | 5:30 PM

SAT., DEC. 20
Live Recording – Chris Dalke
Worship Service | 5 PM

SUN., DEC. 21 Advent 4 & Youth Cookie Sale
Worship Service | 8 & 10:30 AM
Choir Rehearsal | 9:15 AM

Jan. 25, 2026
11:30 AM
Sanctuary
ANNUAL MEETING



WELCOME

We're so glad you're here! We celebrate **Holy Communion** at every weekend service at ZION, and we invite all baptized and communing Christians to partake. **Children** are always welcome in worship and are invited to come forward for a blessing during communion! Our services have children's messages, and if your little one needs a break, **Noah's Ark Nursery** is behind the Sanctuary. We provide **Kids in Church** activity bags in the Narthex.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are near the Union Street entrance, in the lower level, and inside Noah's Ark Nursery.

WELCOME PADS

Whether you're a long-time member or visiting for the first time, please sign the **Welcome Pad** in your pew.

CARE TO JOIN

If you're new or would like to make ZION your church home, fill out a **Welcome Card** and place it in the offering plate. We'd be honored to have you in our faith family! Please scan the QR Code for ZION's **Membership Application** or contact the office. We can't wait to get to know you and walk alongside you in our faith!



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Scott Ludford, Sr. Pastor | Jill Sousek, Organist & Music Director | Kay Kristof, Admin. Asst.
Kristin WhiteHorse, Family & Youth Director | Nancy Schultz, Health & Wellness Coordinator
Randy Steffen, Worship Coordinator | Ann Johnson, Custodian | John Phalen, Maintenance



DECEMBER* ZION LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Role	SAT 5 PM
Greeters	Steve & Joy Dalke
Ushers	John & Joyce Phalen
Lay Reader & Communion Assistants	Steve & Joy Dalke, Scott Glysch
Projector Operator	Randy Steffen

Role	SUN 8 AM
Greeters	Joanne DeFere & Dawn Brock
Ushers	Bart & Debbie Defere
Lay Reader & Communion Assistants	Al Wichmann & Bob Bartelt
Projector Operator	Amanda Bernath, Dawn Brock
	Brian & Kris Johnson
	Julie Effenberger

Role	SUN 10:30 AM
Greeter	Nancy Schultz
Ushers	Robert & Jackie Weier
Lay Reader & Communion Assistants	Cooper & Jackson Boucher

Michael Eidahl, Susan Lemke, Judy Stoltenow
Projector Operators Jenny Tonn (Dec. 14), Noreen Christian (Dec. 21 & 28)

*Youth Group will cover Lay Ministry on the *third* Sun. 10:30 AM service.

CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS-3:30 PM Call Dawn Brock~715.853.5089

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

We remember in prayer: Richard Bahr, Gerald Bartline, Dale Bergsbaken, Debbie Bernard, Leslie Buckbee, Lily Cornelius, Marilyn Dahl, Terry Fusek, Larry Gueths, Lynn Hintz, Pete Hintz, Adeline Holtz, Joanne Horn, Bob Janicki, Helen Kaurala, Ken Spreeman, and Jim Yeakey ~ surrounded by God’s peace.

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Sat. 5 PM: 28 | Sun. 8 AM: 86 | 10:30 AM: 63 | In-Person: 177 | YouTube: 140
General \$6,869 | Building \$755 | Restricted \$3,279.78 | Total \$10,903.78
November Budget: \$42,708 | November Actual: \$55,895 November giving reached 131% of expenses, a generous and encouraging month for ZION. Thank you!

LEARN, GROW & SERVE AS A STEPHEN MINISTER

Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? We’re training Stephen Ministers starting Jan. 4. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support to those facing challenges such as grief, illness, or other life transitions. To sign up to help others, contact: Judy Laude, Nancy Schultz, or Kristin WhiteHorse.

ZION JOINS SHAWANO HOLIDAY STROLL

ZION is delighted to be part of Shawano’s festive Holiday Stroll featuring 115 beautifully decorated trees sponsored by local businesses and non-profits. Come enjoy the lights at Franklin Park and be sure to look for ZION’s tree as you stroll.

HELP NEEDED: YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM OPERATORS

We’re looking for a few volunteers to help with the computer and YouTube live recording during worship services. It’s a great behind-the-scenes way to serve, and training is provided. Help us keep our YouTube Live stream running smoothly and share worship with those at home. Contact Chris Dalke, Nancy Schultz for info.

ACOLYTES

Dec 14	
8 AM	Kyle Huebner
	Jonah Glysch
10:30 AM	Erin Felhofer
	Kenley Wilson

Dec 21	
8 AM	Lee Wolff
	Levi Effenberger
10:30 AM	Leah Hanson
	Morgan Boucher

Dec. 24	
3:30 PM	Camdin Olson
	Open
5:30 PM	Two Open

Jan. 4	
8 AM	Levi Effenberger
	Lane Laude



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

ZION’s Community Thanksgiving Dinner went off without a hitch. There was plenty of food, and we served over 210 people. Our income from donations that day totaled \$1,500. Many dedicated volunteers helped bring the dinner to fruition. The food and table décor were generously donated by Thrivent Financial, Charlie’s County Market, RADCO Manufacturing, Creative Converting, Shawano Masons, and Ollie’s Flowers. Thank you to everyone who brought food or gave monetary donations, the success was because of ALL of you. The steam table, now gifted to the ZION Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW), was a great investment and will be very useful for future meals. Onward to next year! ~ Joyce Phalen and Ann Johnson

BABY, IT’S COLD OUTSIDE!

Wee Care’s Festival of Trees display this year expands into a mitten, hat, scarf, and sock tree to help chase the chill away. All donations will go to school children who need these essentials for winter, and many teachers often buy them with their own money. A basket will be placed at the base of the tree for donations. Wee Care hopes to bless children and families with warmth through food, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, and love.



YOUTH TO SELL CHRISTMAS COOKIES

The ZION Youth will be decorating cookies on Wed., Dec. 17 and selling them on Sun., Dec. 21 to to support their activities and programs.

BLESS OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS

The Health Ministry Committee invites you to help us share Christ’s love globally by choosing an ornament from our ELCA Giving Tree. Each ornament includes simple instructions on how to give by phone, credit card, or mail. Have a blessed Christmas, and thank you for helping spread the Good News to those in need overseas!

PASTOR EMAIL ALERT

Please be aware that Pastor Scott Ludford’s email address was used again to send out SPAM messages. These fraudulent emails may ask for gift cards, money, or urgent financial help. Please know that Pastor Scott would never, ever request gift cards or money from anyone by email or text. If you receive one of these messages, simply delete it. Thank you for being vigilant and helping keep ZION safe.



Christmas
is a time
for singing!

Sunday, December 14, 1pm
St Bernard Catholic Church
2040 Hillside Lane Green Bay

Featuring

The Green Bay Baylanders
Barbershop Chorus
and The Chantelles

with Quartets:

Lake Effect, Revised Edition and Quandary



"Because they didn't have e-mail then.
That's why God sent an angel
to proclaim the baby's birth."

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